

# Around the Coffee Pot...

April 16, 2005

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## 4/14/05 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 3/8/05; (2) Welcomed Tony Blake to the Board; (3) March financials presented (see below); (4) Renter has moved out as of 4/1/05; (5) Waste Management contract has been cancelled and a refund should be coming for March service that was not performed; (6) Building and Grounds Committee report given (see page 2); (7) Board unanimous approval vote to further investigate option of selling back building for purpose of

raising funds to renovate the main building and have all Club activities conducted in front building (see page 2 for details on process); (8) Bowl-a-thon fundraising event update shows \$2,215.20 collected to date from the \$2,501.18 in total pledges; (9) Fundraising solicitation efforts will be coordinated with building renovation needs so that one public fundraising effort is conducted once all information is gathered; (10) Richard will talk to bowling alley to learn their summer scheduled in order to investigate possibility of a summer bowl-a-thon fundraising activity; (11) Spring Clean Up day scheduled for Sunday, May 15th beginning at 11:30 am and will be coordinated with a cook-out of brats and chicken breasts beginning at 1:00 - Terry will take care of the

food, Scott will get the grill on location, Richard will get pop and salad, Sue will get flowers for outside planting - all members are invited to help with a short coordinated clean-up of the outside grounds; (12) Scott will look into insurance coverage issues on the buildings to make sure they are in line with "replacement costs" and will report back to the board during the May meeting.

The "Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix, Inc." was organized in 1986 to provide a meeting place for 12 step meetings. The organization is a non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors elected from its membership.

Club membership is never required and should never be implied for participation in 12 step meetings held at the club.

We request each group to organize itself as suggested through their respective 12 step program to avoid any violation of their traditions.

The Alano Club is a group of people interested in helping those seeking relief from addiction related problems by providing a place for 12 step meetings to be held.

<u>March 2005 Financial Summary</u>	
Income:	
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 519.36
Membership Dues	\$ 330.00
Literature & Pop	\$ 90.01
Donations	\$ 200.00
Oleson's Slips	\$ 288.17
Bowl-a-thon	\$1560.80
Apartment Rental	\$ 450.00
Total Income	\$3,438.34
Expense:	
Supplies	\$ 191.40
Utilities	\$ 386.30
Office Expenses	\$ 92.79
Garbage	\$ 22.00
Snowplowing	\$ 36.00
Bowl-a-thon Exp.	\$ 121.85
Contractual Services	\$ 300.00
Total Expense	\$1,150.34
March Net Income	\$2,288.00

**NEXT MEETING,  
WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 11TH  
AT 6:30 PM.**

**Pot Luck & Open  
Speaker Meeting  
Friday, May 20th  
Food at 6:30  
Speaker at 7:00**

### Spring Clean Up

**Sunday  
May 15th**  
After 10:30 am meeting  
**11:30 - 1:00**  
(Bring equipment)  
**Lunch provided  
to volunteers**

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The building & grounds committee gave an update of their various activities at the 4/14/05 board meeting. As they looked into the property description, they discovered an issue of a mysterious 9 feet that was not included in the property description over the years in previous sales. Issues will be taken to resolve this as soon as possible. A second appraisal (at no cost) is in the works to have additional information on the value of the property and buildings. The board voted unanimously to further look into the possibility of selling the back building and a portion of the property for the purpose of raising funds to address the physical needs of the main building including electrical and plumbing renovations and possible remodeling to accommodate the activities of the club in the main building. Steps involved in the process include: a) resolve the 9 foot issue, b) obtain the 2nd appraisal, c) if these issues are resolved prior to the May meeting, the board will determine an "asking price" to further the discussions with an adjacent property owner who has expressed an interest in purchasing the back building. If the back building has a firm buyer, final renovation plans of the main building will need to be drawn up and estimates from a number of contractors will need to be obtained. The sale of the back building will need to have a condition of sale where we are able to rent the space back while the renovations are completed in the main building. Provided we have a firm sale possibility and an idea of the costs involved in renovation, then a Membership Meeting will be called and approval will need to be obtained from the membership present at this meeting before final actions can be initiated.

In the event that the renovation fundraising goals can be met by private donors and funds can be received in advance of construction (placed in a separate building renovation fund), there will be no need to consider selling the back building and a portion of the property to generate funds for this purpose. It is hoped to have these activities resolved and begin renovations in late 2005 or early 2006 provided that all plans are in order at that time.

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#### **Open Speaker Meeting**

**Friday, May 20th  
Potluck at 6:30  
Speaker at 7:00**

## **Alano Club By-Laws re: Property**

Article 3 b) To engage in business activities furthering the overall welfare of the Club and its members, including the purchase, acquisition, sale, lease, mortgage and exchange of real estate and personal property of any nature, kind and description.

Article 10 a) No capital expenditures shall be made in excess of \$2,500.00 without the prior approval of the general membership, nor may multiple checks totaling of \$2,500.00 or multiple checks whose aggregate exceed \$2,500.00 be issued for any single project without the vote of approval by the general membership.

### **Board of Directors**

Richard O'Leary - Chair  
Kent Warner - Vice-Chair  
Helen Paul - Treasurer  
Sue Goodwin - Secretary  
Tony Blake  
Betty Collins  
Liz Gooch  
Sonny Wright  
Jeff Kirby (Alternate)  
Terry Left (Alternate)

<i>Membership Updates</i>	<i>April 14, 2005</i>
Past Due or Due	5
Due in May '05	4
Due in June '05	5
Remainder of 2005	18
2006+	23
Lifetime	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>66</b>

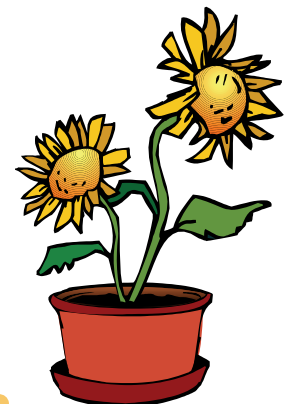


Your membership dues expiration date is listed on the mailing labels for those receiving them by mail. Email recipients are notified periodically.

### **Quote of the Month**

***“Problems cannot be solved at the same level of awareness that created them.”***

***Albert Einstein***



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